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SUBJECT: BARANOWSKI GROUP MEETING MAY 4, 5, 6

SUMMARY: MAY 4 AND MAY 5 WERE TAKEN UP BY TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS OF US DOMESTIC NUCLEAR ENERGY ACTIVITIES AND VISITS TO OAK RIDGE INSTALLATIONS. MAY 6 THE AD HOC GROUP MET TO CONSIDER A PAPER BY THE AD HOC EXPERTS WORKING PARTY ON POTENTIAL NUCLEAR SUPPLY EMERGENCIES AND THEIR IMPACT. IN VIEW OF THE FINDINGS OF THE EXPERTS GROUP, THE BARANOWSKI GROUP WILL RECOMMEND TO THE SLT THAT CERTAIN FURTHER STUDIES BE UNDERTAKEN TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN EMERGENCY URANIUM SHARING SYSTEM IS JUSTIFIED AT ALL AND IF SO WHETHER NOW OR AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE.

MAY 4 - ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS BRIEFED DELEGATES ON US PROGRAMS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD INCLUDING ALL ELEMENTS OF THE US NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE AND MEDIUM TO LONG RANGE PLANNING.

MAY 5 - DELEGATES VISITED OAK RIDGE TOLL ENRICHMENT FACILITY, GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT, THE OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY FUSION RESEARCH PROGRAM, REACTOR

VESSEL SAFETY RESEARCH FACILITY, THE HIGH FLUX ISOTOPE REACTOR, AND THE 1 GWE BULL RUN STEAM PLANT OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY.

MAY 6 - THE EXPERTS WORKING PARTY REPORTED ITS FINDING ON POTENTIAL EMERGENCIES AND THEIR PROBABILITY TO THE AD HOC GROUP WITHOUT MAKING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OR AGAINST AN EMERGENCY NUCLEAR SHARING SCHEME. THE COMPOSITION OF THE AD HOC GROUP WAS SUCH THAT SOME COUNTRIES HAVE EXTENSIVE STOCKPILES OF NUCLEAR FUELS WHILE OTHERS HAVE NEITHER STOCKPILES NOR ASSURED SUPPLIERS MAKING CONSENSUS ON A RECOMMENDATION IMPOSSIBLE. (THE BRITISH AND CANADIANS WERE THE MOST NEGATIVE ON SHARING SCHEMES WHILE THE ITALIANS AND TO A LESSER EXTENT SPANISH
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AND DUTCH WERE THE STRONGEST SUPPORTERS OF EMERGENCY SHARING.) IT WAS DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE SLT THAT FURTHER STUDY OF AN IEA NUCLEAR EMERGENCY SHARING PLAN BE DISCONTINUED AT THIS TIME. IT WAS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT STUDIES BE UNDERTAKEN ON LEAD-TIMES, WORKING STOCKS IN THE FRONT END OF THE FUEL CYCLE AND ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO STRETCH OUT REACTOR CORE LIFE. SUCH STUDIES COULD

BE CARRIED OUT BY THE AD HOC GROUP OR ANOTHER AS
DECIDED BY THE SLT. KISSINGER

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